

The Best Number System

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What might the “best” number system be?

If you got to hit the reset button on all our conventions about how we count, and were tasked with finding the BEST number system for how we refer to and talk about integers in our day-to-day lives do you think you’d pick decimal?

Let’s ignore that the fact that Sesame Street drilled into several generations of kids heads that “10” means ten things.

So what criteria might we use to select the method by which we count and give names to each individual integer?